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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hiroshi Abe, et al)
Serial No. : 09/151,531)
Filed : September 11, 1998)
For : SMALL APPARATUS FOR)
DISPENSING CIRCULAR PLATE)
OBJECTS)
Examiner : F. Bartuska)

Group Art Unit 3652

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Response to First Office Action

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to a First Office Action in the above-identified application dated November 17, 1999 as follows. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application is requested.

As to formal matters, the applicant's residence and post office address are the same. If requested, a re-executed Declaration will be provided.

Applicants also submit herewith certified copies of the priority documents.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1- 3 without prejudice.

Please amend the following new claims.

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